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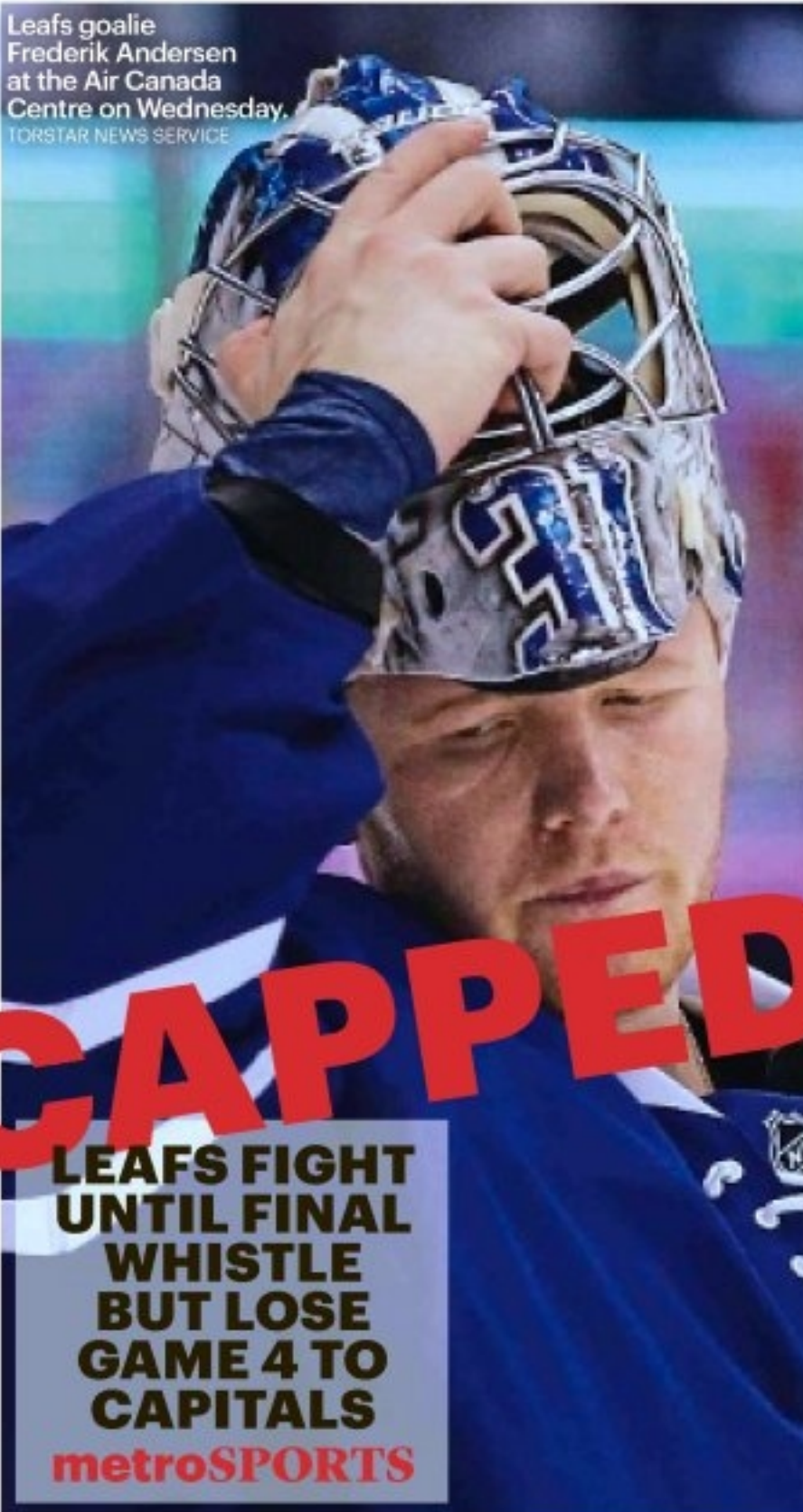
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The quest to make Toronto a more child-friendly city is taking to the streets.

A partnership between Earth Day Canada and the city of Toronto will launch a pilot initiative Thursday that allows neighbourhoods to get a permit to transform residential streets into playing fields for children.

The StreetPLAY pilot project is in part a response to a controversial bylaw forbidding street encroachment — which has long left bylaw enforcement officers at odds with neighbourhood kids trying to take advantage of the warm weather by playing outside. Leaving hockey nets or basketball hoops on the street can result in a \$90 fine, according to the bylaw.

That stands in contrast with the city's ongoing efforts to encourage outdoor play, an important pillar of environmental education, said Earth Day Canada president Deb Doncaster.

"When I was a child, I could roam 10 kilometres without my



Just like hosting a street festival, a local effort is looking to establish a process to apply for street closures to allow children to play. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

parents getting upset," she said, noting urban gentrification has diminished public spaces for outdoor recreation. "Today the roaming distance for a 10-year-old is just 250 metres."

She said residential streets are an ideal alternative to parks and community centres, which can often be far away.

Similar programs exist in cities such as Seattle, New York and Quebec City. Just like hosting street festivals, residents can

apply for full or partial closure of the street for a certain period of time and let kids roam free.

"This is an effort to bring back unstructured play into our neighbourhoods," said Doncaster, adding the goal is to extend the program to all residential streets by 2018.

"Hopefully the permit will eventually become useless and children can have safe spaces near their homes to play any time they want."

+ STARTING HERE

The StreetPLAY pilot project will start at Pendrith Street and seven other streets in Wards 19 and 20, between May and October. More information can be found at streetplay.ca

In Toronto, a permit for temporary street closure costs \$83.09 per day.

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A tale of two cities

It's an age-old question: which is the greatest Canadian city? According to a recent analysis by Berlin-based rental aggregator Nestpick, Vancouver is the best in North America, at least for millennials. Toronto ranked 24th in the world — decent, but 14 places below our B.C. cousins. But who knows a city better than the people who live in it? We ask a Torontonian and a Vancouverite to settle the debate (once and for all).



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TORONTO

The city with less rain and sports



Matt Elliott
Metro | Toronto

The first time I ever saw Vancouver, I was awed by the majesty of the Coast Mountains. A week later, I was over it. It's a fine place, but set aside those mountains and Toronto still tops it easily. Here are five reasons why.

1. Bigger is better

I'm a big-city guy, and in Canada it doesn't get more big city than Toronto. We're the fourth largest in North America. Vancouver's metro population, on the other hand, ranks a little below Mississauga's.

2. Toronto has seasons

Vancouverites have got to be real sick of people talking about all the rain — but seriously, what's with the rain? At least Toronto has a variety of weather: stupid hot summers and snowy winters, with actual seasons in between.

3. Better sports scene

It's probably dangerous to gloat about Toronto's oft-troubled sports franchises, but let's do it anyway. Toronto has two teams in the playoffs right now! Meanwhile, the Canucks are golfing and the Grizzlies play in Memphis.

4. We're world class(ish)

One of the best tech hubs in North America? Check. World-renowned events like TIFF and Pride? Check. A music scene cranking out internationally famous artists? Check. Whether you want to embrace the "world class city" label or not, Toronto has better claims to fame than the city that hosted the winter Olympics once.

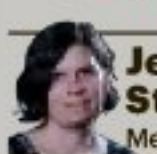
5. Geography

From Toronto, you've got quick access to great, historic cities like Montreal, Boston, Halifax and New York.

Then you have Vancouver, with its easy drive to, um, Seattle. Just can't compare.

VANCOUVER

Functional politics? Yes please!



Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

In my mid-twenties, I spent a year and a half living in Toronto and absolutely fell in love with the city the rest of Canada loves to hate. But ultimately, I chose to move back to Vancouver — a decision that was mostly about the weather and sentimental feelings about mountains. Here are my reasons Vancouver beats Toronto:

1. Toronto is too hot in the summer

Vancouverites are used to existing within a narrow temperature range:

never colder than about 5 degrees, never hotter than 24 degrees. Anything outside of that range makes us wilt faster than a hemlock in a drought.

2. No natural compass point

The North Shore Mountains aren't just pretty — they're a handy direction post showing which way is north.

3. Smog

You blow your nose and brown stuff comes out. Ewww.

4. Nude beach access

In Toronto the nude beach is a ferry ride away. In Vancouver, all

you have to do is scramble down a very tall flight of cliff-side stairs.

5. Parks

Our parks are better. Our animals are bigger and meaner. Our water is fresher and cleaner and comes from mountain streams. We get to look at mountains and ocean and all you have is that big flat lake.

6. Raccoons

Our raccoons are alive, and all you have is that dead one.

7. Amalgamation

Our cities never amalgamated and therefore city politics is not a big shouty mess.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Is Toronto a better city for millennials than Vancouver (and every other place, for that matter)? Tell us what you think. Reach out via email at torontoleters@metronews.ca, Twitter @metrotoronto or Facebook at [facebook.com/metrotoronto](https://www.facebook.com/metrotoronto).



Toronto DIGEST

BOMBARDIER

Judge rules against provincial transit agency

MetroInx should not be allowed to unilaterally terminate its \$770-million light-rail vehicle contract with Bombardier, a judge has ruled. In a highly anticipated decision released Wednesday morning, Judge Glenn Hainey of the Superior Court of Justice granted the rail manufacturer's application for an injunction that, at least for now, prevents the deal from being cancelled.

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EDUCATION

York Region trustees dismiss director

York Region trustees have dismissed their controversial director of education, one week after a report by provincial reviewers detailed disturbing concerns about his leadership and following months of turmoil at the school board. J. Philip Parappally is no longer at the helm of the province's third largest board, according to an internal memo sent to all staff Wednesday morning.

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PRIDE

Officers group speaks out on police exclusion

A committee representing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Toronto police officers is speaking out against an annual grant provided by the city to Pride Toronto, saying it would be "unacceptable" for the government to financially support an event that excludes police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cherry blossoms ready to bloom

TRADITION

Buds at High Park expected to flower this weekend



Break out the selfie stick, because the city's cherry blossoms will soon be in full bloom.

High Park's peak bloom, which occurs when 70 per cent of the buds have flowered, could happen as soon as April 25 to April 28, according to the High Park Nature Centre. But some buds could bloom into the Instagram-friendly flowers as early as this weekend, says Steve Joniak from the blog Sakura in High Park.

Strolling among the cherry blossoms is a beloved High Park tradition, like skating on Grenadier Pond, seeing Shakespeare in the park or following the latest escaped animal from the High Park Zoo. However, some trees elsewhere in the city have already shown their colours, with Trinity-Bellwoods Park marked by shades of pink. High Park fea-



Cherry blossoms are just beginning to bloom at Trinity-Bellwoods Park Wednesday. LANCE MCMILLAN/METRO

tures the most cherry blossom trees in the city, as more than 100 were given as gifts by Japan.

Diana Teal, executive director of the High Park Nature Centre, expects big things in the near future.

"I think the bloom will be pretty spectacular this year," she said, noting that the buds didn't bloom last year due to frost. The same could still happen, but so far things are progressing quickly.

Teal urged participants to respect the trees — don't climb them or break off blossoms or branches. She said the best time

+ CHECK IT OUT

If you want to check out the cherry blossoms but avoid the crush of people at High Park, Diana Teal recommends three alternatives:

- Trinity-Bellwoods Park
- Centennial Park
- CNE Grounds

to avoid the huge crowds is in the early morning before 9 a.m. It's also a great time of day to take photos, Teal added.

REAL ESTATE

Wynne eyes foreign buyers tax

Premier Kathleen Wynne is slapping a 15 per cent "non-resident speculation" tax on foreign investors to help cool down southern Ontario's scorching real estate market, Torstar News Service has learned.

Wynne will join Finance Minister Charles Sousa and Housing Minister Chris Ballard on Thursday against a backdrop of condo

towers in booming Liberty Village to launch a massive plan to improve housing affordability.

A key plank in that would be the 15 per cent surcharge on offshore speculators, who are estimated to make up just five per cent of the current market.

Modelled on British Columbia's "foreign buyers' tax" in Vancouver, the levy would apply

to home purchasers in the so-called Greater Golden Horseshoe who are not citizens or permanent residents.

It would affect sales in and around the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, Niagara, Kitchener-Waterloo, and encompass everywhere north to Barrie and Orillia and east to Peterborough.

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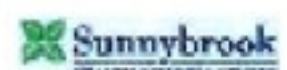
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RESTAURANTS

Food scene has something special right now, chef says



May Warren
Metro | Toronto

When it comes to crowning Canada's top food city one of Montreal's top chefs is ready to give the title to Toronto.

David McMillan, chef and co-owner of Montreal's Joe Beef restaurant, argues Toronto has Canada's best food scene. COURTESY EVA BLUE

"I've just been smitten by the restaurants, the wine industry, the butcher shops, the cheese I've been discovering, all kinds of great things," he said.

While Montreal has great food, it's plagued by "crumbling infrastructure, rampant corruption" and "language politics," said McMillan.

"There haven't been that many new restaurants that have opened up to be honest in the last few years," he said.

While Vancouver also has



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"wonderful food," Toronto has something special right now, he told Metro.

The chef said he feels "a certain wealth and a spark of life in Toronto" from Little Italy to Leslieville.

He's enjoyed visiting both bigger name restaurants like Brothers Food & Wine and Montgomery's, and smaller neighborhood places that don't make top 10 lists.

"Corner coffee shops are delicious and people are smiling," he said, praising Toronto's mix

of international food and affordable options.

"I'm more excited to go eat in Toronto right now than New York City to be honest," he added.

In February Toronto's Alo took the top spot in the annual list of Canada's Best Restaurants, unseating Montreal's Toqué.

Toronto restaurants took five of the top 10 slots in the list.

Jacob Richler, the magazine's editor, said both cities have their strengths and are fantastic places to dine.

"They're different but thank

God they're different," he said.

"If it wasn't different I'd be a very depressed Canadian."

Asked if he has any plans to open anything in Toronto, McMillan said he would consider it if the opportunity presented itself.

"But I don't think you need me to be honest," he said.

His one piece of advice is to "be a bit more arrogant" and embrace Ontario wine and cuisine even more.

"Don't be scared of saying that you're killing it," he said.

HIGH PARK ZOO

Group wants names for capybara pups

They've already made their social media debut and well wishes have poured in from across the city. But Toronto's most famous new bundles of joy, the three High Park capybara pups, still need names.

Members of Friends of High Park Zoo are asking for the public's help in naming the adorable offspring. The three were born to international capybara celebrities Bonnie and Clyde after they returned to the zoo from an infamous escape last summer.

Names can be submitted online or by hard copy ballot at the west-end zoo. Suggestions will be narrowed down into a short list, at which point the public will get a chance to vote.



The High Park Zoo's capybaras. COURTESY JASON MCCULLOUGH

Toronto Parks and Recreation spokesperson Megan Price said she wouldn't be surprised if there are some themed names that come out ahead. "I'm sure there'll be some names related to bandits, or thieves or escapees," she said. But please keep suggestions gender neutral, as it's still a mystery whether the babies are male or female.

Friends of High Park Zoo Board chair John Formosa said he's been surprised by the interest, noting that the non-profit has already received over 1,800 suggestions on their website. He added the board is toying with the idea of bringing in celebrity judges to whittle down the short list before a public vote.

Price said the Toronto capybaras are doing great, but won't stay at the zoo forever.

MAY WARREN/METRO

+ PEPE & PABLO

The Auckland Zoo in New Zealand recently held a similar naming contest for a pair of capybara babies. The two were christened Pepe and Pablo in a nod to their South American heritage, according to the zoo's website.

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Clean-tech industry growing sluggishly

ENVIRONMENT

Feds too slow on investment, report warns

Growth in Canada's clean tech industry has slowed to the point that the sector could miss out on billions in revenue and thousands of new jobs without urgent government action, according to a report published Thursday.

Celine Bak, president of Analytica Advisors, a firm in Ottawa that monitors the industry and published the report, said investments to boost clean tech in the 2017 budget aren't moving fast enough. Without quick access to capital, many of the biggest players in Canada's \$13-billion clean tech sector will fall behind global competitors, Bak said.

"There's an urgent need for the money you've proposed to be deployed," said Bak, referring to the Liberal government's 2017 budget pledge of \$1.8 billion over three years

for clean tech financing.

None of that money, however, is slated to roll out this year.

"It's back-end loaded and the need is really short term," Bak said. "That's not going to be sufficient, especially for the biggest firms that are in very competitive global markets, where we're talking about weeks — not months — as a timeline that needs to be executed upon."



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The industry includes more than 850 firms in Canada that employ 55,200 people, the report says. These companies range from those working on more efficient power grid technology and cleaner ways to dig for oil, to recycling, transpor-

tation and agriculture.

The 2017 Canadian Clean Technology Industry Report, released Thursday, paints a picture of an industry that is still growing, but at a slower rate than previous years. Revenues in the sector jumped 8 per cent from 2014 to 2015, while they grew at around 11 per cent per year from 2011 to 2013.

But profits retained by clean tech companies in Canada continue to drop, and the report says "the industry is awash in red ink and shareholder returns are negative." This includes companies working on low-carbon transportation, which have seen five straight years of negative returns in a developing sector that is vital in the push to meet Canada's global emissions targets for 2030, according to the report.

At the same time, the report says Canada's global market share in clean technology dropped 12 per cent from 2008 to 2015, when it stood at 1.4 per cent.

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NEWFOUNDLAND ONLOOKERS FLOCK TO FERRYLAND FOR GLIMPSE OF ICEBERG

A large iceberg is visible from the shore in Ferryland, an hour south of St. John's, N.L., on April 10. A towering iceberg stationed off Newfoundland's east coast is drawing dozens of people to the small shoreline community sitting in its shadow.

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DAIRY INDUSTRY

'Don't point the finger to Canada'



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

After a pointed shout-out from President Trump Tuesday, Manitoba dairy farmers fired back, calling his comments about Canadian dairy farming "very unfair" in their own right.

At a speech in Wisconsin, Trump criticized the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and blamed Canada for "some very unfair things (that) have happened to our dairy

farmers."

David Wiens, a third-generation dairy farmer who lives and works near Grunthal, Man., said Trump's claims are "certainly not fact."

Wiens, also the chairperson of Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, said dairy imports from the U.S. into Canada have increased 17 per cent in the last year.

He emphasized Canada's domestic dairy policy doesn't affect international trade.

Lisa Dyck, a dairy farmer and ice cream producer with Cornell Creme near Anola, Man., said

she was confident the Canadian government would stick by its dairy producers. She said Trump's comments didn't concern her.

"I think he just says a lot of things without thinking of the consequences," Dyck said. "I think it's great that he's behind his farmers — he should be. But he needs to look at this as a whole."

"In the end, we're all farmers. We understand. We are sad that they don't have a place for their milk, but we didn't do this ... (so) don't point the finger to Canada," she said.

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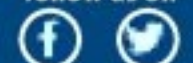
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Bill O'Reilly given the boot by Fox News

BROADCAST

Allegations of harassment and payouts brought to light

Bill O'Reilly has lost his job at Fox News Channel following reports that five women had been paid millions of dollars to keep quiet about harassment allegations.

21st Century Fox issued a statement Wednesday that "after a thorough and careful review of the allegations, the company and Bill O'Reilly have agreed that Bill O'Reilly will not be returning to the Fox News Channel."

He had been scheduled to return from a vacation next Monday. It marks a stunning end to a near-perfect marriage between a pugnacious personality and network. For two decades, O'Reilly has ruled the "no spin zone" with cable news' most popular show, and his ratings had never been higher.



Bill O'Reilly THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a memo to Fox staff on Wednesday, the Murdochs said the decision followed an extensive review done in collaboration with an outside counsel.

Fox said that Tucker Carlson's show would move to 8 p.m. to replace O'Reilly and that the panel talk show The Five would take Carlson's time slot at 9 p.m.

The fast-moving story took shape with an April 2 report in The New York Times that five women had been paid a total of \$13 million to keep quiet about unpleasant encounters with O'Reilly, who has denied any wrongdoing. Dozens of his

show's advertisers fled, even though O'Reilly's viewership increased. O'Reilly has denied wrongdoing.

Even though at least one of the harassment cases against O'Reilly dated back more than a decade and was widely reported then, the accumulation of cases outlined in the Times damaged him much more extensively. It wasn't clear when those stories would end, with a group of women demonstrating in front of Fox's headquarters Tuesday and another woman, a former clerical worker at Fox, calling a harassment hotline and accusing the host of boorish behaviour.

O'Reilly's fans aren't likely to be happy about him losing his job, particularly on a controversy set in motion by the Times. His show's viewership increased the week after the story appeared — O'Reilly didn't address it on the air — and has sunk since he left for vacation. Potential successors like Dana Perino, Eric Bolling and Greg Gutfeld have substituted for O'Reilly since he left for vacation.

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VENEZUELA THE 'MOTHER OF ALL MARCHES' A demonstrator walks along a barricade set up during opposition protests in Caracas, Venezuela, on Wednesday. Opponents of President Nicolas Maduro called on Venezuelans to take to the streets on Wednesday for what they dubbed the "mother of all marches" against the embattled socialist leader. Government supporters are holding their own counter demonstration. FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CLEVELAND

Facebook killer takes his own life after brief police pursuit

Facebook slaying suspect Steve Stephens was undone by a 20-piece Chicken McNuggets and an order of fries.

The man who police say

shot a Cleveland retiree at random and posted video of the killing on Facebook pulled up to the drive-thru window of a McDonald's restaurant outside Erie, Pennsylvania, and waited for his order.

It was late Tuesday morning, and authorities were in the third day of an intensive manhunt.

Now, more than 100 miles from the shooting, his time on the run was nearly up.

The attendant who took his money recognized the suspect and dialed 911. Stephens pulled up to the next window, where restaurant owner Thomas DuCharme Jr. and a supervisor tried stalling him by telling him his fries were delayed.

Stephens didn't want to wait. He took his McNuggets and whipped out of the parking lot, nearly hitting Gail Wheeler, 54, a retail oper-



Steve Stephens CONTRIBUTED

ations manager from Erie who was on her way home from the grocery store.

"Two seconds later, I hear these sirens, and they come whipping past me," she said.

Wheeler followed behind for a couple miles.

One of the pursuing troopers picked his spot — in front of an abandoned school — and hit Stephens' bumper to get him to stop. The Ford Fusion did a half-turn and came to

rest at the curb.

Police were starting to get out of their cruisers when "I heard a shot. It was loud and distinctive," Wheeler said.

"The next thing I know, they're approaching the car. The one officer just shook his head. He was closest to the car. ... They had their guns out but when he shook his head, they lowered their guns."

Stephens killed himself, authorities said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON TRUMP TAKING ON CANADA



Somewhat predictably, no amount of prime ministerial appeasement is turning out to be enough to keep Canada on the good side of the Trump White House.

Ever since last fall's American presidential election campaign, Justin Trudeau has played nice with Donald Trump, routinely bending over backward to avoid taking the new administration head on.

Parsing the prime minister's comments on Trump's eventful first three months one would be hard-pressed to find anything but kind words about the new occupant of the White House.

When the president moved to suspend the American refugee program and to ban citizens from six Muslim majority countries from travelling to the U.S., Trudeau issued a tweet to restate Canada's pro-refugee policy but refrained from openly criticizing the U.S. move.

When Trump cut foreign aid funding for contraception and family planning programs, the Canadian government raised its own contribution but otherwise kept its peace.

Ditto as the American administration confirmed its determination to walk away from the Paris treaty on climate change.

Earlier this month, the prime minister offered Canada's full support for Trump's unilateral decision to launch airstrikes on a Syrian military facility in retaliation for the regime's chemical gas attack on civilians. In the process, Trudeau soft-pedalled his party's long-standing commitment to multilateral international action. A few days later, the

prime minister called for the removal of the Bashar Assad regime.

Somewhat predictably, no amount of prime ministerial appeasement is turning out to be enough to keep Canada on the good side of the Trump White House and off the president's ever-changing hit list.

On Tuesday, he lashed out at NAFTA in general and Canadian dairy policy in particu-

lar. "In Canada, some very unfair things have happened to our dairy farmers, and others, and we're going to start working on that," Trump told a Wisconsin audience. "NAFTA has been very, very bad. We're going to make some very big changes or we're going to get rid of NAFTA once and for all," he added.



FRENEMIES Justin Trudeau has been playing nice with Donald Trump since he took office, but there is no shelter from the president's volatility, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Contrast that with what the president had to say on the heels of his first face-to-face meeting with Trudeau less than two months ago and consider that there were no major public disagreements between the two governments over the interval.

"We have a very outstand-

ing trade relationship with Canada. We'll be tweaking it," Trump opined in mid-February. "We'll be doing certain things that are going to benefit both of our countries."

At the time, that statement was greeted with jubilant relief in some Canadian quarters. That jubilation was somewhat premature.

Anyone professing surprise at the sight of the U.S. president blowing hot and

cold on the same issue over a matter of weeks has not been keeping track of Trump's first three months in the White House.

There is plenty of evidence that he is, to put it politely, a chameleon-type of politician. Trump tends to blend his rhetoric to his environment, as often as not to the detriment of consistency.

But if anyone still harboured the delusion that a nascent bond between Trudeau and Trump would shelter Canada from this president's volatile approach to policymaking, this week's developments should have settled the issue.

Crafting alliances on Capitol Hill and in the states' legislatures — as Canada has been attempting to do as part of an all-hands-on deck political lobbying operation — may not be as glamorous as spending a night at the theatre with Ivanka Trump but it may yield more reliable results.

So far, Trudeau's velvet glove approach to the Trump administration enjoys widespread support in this country. But that comes with the underlying assumption that the glove is not an empty one and that an iron hand will manifest itself in defence of Canada's interests.

That did happen on Tuesday. In a strongly worded letter, Trudeau's envoy to Washington, David MacNaughton, refuted Trump's contention that Canada's dairy policy was wreaking havoc on American dairy farmers.

Still, up to now Canada's efforts on the U.S. front have unfolded on a rare bipartisan basis. Former prime minister Brian Mulroney has been providing Trudeau with insider advice on American trade dynamics. Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose has struck a supportive role in her own visits to the U.S., as has Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, a premier otherwise known as the prime minister's chief provincial critic.

But there are trade issues on which it will be difficult to continue to present a united front as the war of words turns into a full-fledged negotiation. Canada's dairy and poultry supply management system is not far from the top of the divisive list.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

New pot laws must include a pardon for old convictions



Vicky Mochama
Metro

We cannot have a future pot policy that doesn't deal with criminalized pasts.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has said that the new pot legislation will not include any special amnesty for past convictions.

This is a mistake.

The government's proposed legislation follows a public health approach of reducing harm and preventing problematic drug use. But the legislation, which is slated to come into effect by July 1, 2018, cannot just serve future drug users — and businesses, for that matter. It should also serve the health and wellbeing of the young, racialized men and women who are currently in court and in prison on drug charges.

According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, nearly 60,000 Canadians are arrested for possessing 30 g or less of cannabis every year — that's nearly three per cent of all arrests. And at least half a million Canadians have a criminal record for possessing that much pot.

In 2013, nearly half of all drug-related court cases involved cannabis, and young people between 12 and 24 were more likely to be arrested for pot than for any other drug.

The Justice Department either doesn't publish or does not track drug-offences by the race and ethnicity of the offender. Anecdotal, however, it's clear that the imagined drug offender is a racialized

person.

One only has to hear it from Bill Blair, the Liberal government's point man on the pot file. In his telling, when youth buy marijuana, they get it from "a gangster behind some apartment building" or "a criminal in a stairwell," he told the Toronto Star on separate occasions.

In case the dog-whistle isn't loud enough, Toronto's former top cop is selling the government's pot plan with a racially-charged message.

There is ample data to show that black and white people, on a percentage basis, use marijuana at nearly the same rates. Yet black users are arrested at a vastly higher rate. (Much of this data is American. Yet again we find that data on race is patchy at best in Canada.)

Evidence of this racial arrest gap can be found in our prison populations. From 2005 to 2015, the black inmate population grew by 69 per cent. This increase dovetails with the previous Conservative administration's tough-on-crime legislation that also led to an increase in the imprisonment of women and Indigenous people.

But if compassionate pardons are not part of the new legislation, thousands of Canadians — especially young racialized men and women — already languishing in the criminal justice system will be left behind. A majority of male prisoners struggle with addiction and substance abuse issues.

For the government, a clean slate starts next Canada Day. Many Canadians need that clean slate now.

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We don't *really* know our rivers

EARTH DAY

Water demand and pollution are growing threats: Author

Canada has an incredible wealth of fresh water, much of it in rivers — from rushing giants like the Niagara and Yukon River to the swimming hole in your neighbourhood.

After 10 years studying rivers, Sean Fleming, hydrologist, data scientist and adjunct professor at UBC's department of earth, ocean and atmospheric sciences, has come to a conclusion: we don't know enough about rivers. And if we aren't informed, we can't protect them. Fleming's new book, *Where the River Runs: Scientific Reflections on Earth's Waterways*, aims to fix that. We asked him what we can do to help rivers run better.

Is there anything in your research that would surprise people who don't know much about rivers?

The example folks in Canada may not be aware of is the Colorado River. The Colorado River Compact was put together in the early 1900s to divide the waters of the Colorado River between different states and Mexico. It was derived on the basis of the data available at that point. As a matter of sheer bad luck, that period of time happened to be one of the wettest periods in several hundred years. That wasn't

discovered until the 1970s. Because of that, the Colorado River no longer flows to its mouth. Knowing more about the science of rivers has real, serious implications.

What needs to be done to protect rivers?

One: We need to understand how rivers work. We need better models for simulating what they'll look like in the future, and how climate changes will affect them. That provides the information we need to make decisions. Secondly, reducing needs. Global water demand is expected to increase by 55 per cent by 2050. That's a huge prob-

lem, given that a billion people already do not have access to adequate clean water. But there's a silver lining. For example, in the U.S. water demand has stabilized at 1970s levels.

Is it the same story in Canada?

Canada's track record with water management is not the best compared to other western countries. And that's simply because we're really lucky — we've got a lot of empty space and a lot of water.

Vancouver for instance, is a very wet part of the world. It wouldn't seem like you'd ever run into water supply issues, but it's happening, because you've got such a tremendous congregation of people in such a small area, and the water is seasonal. That's going to be a huge challenge.

What can individual people do for rivers?

There's a tremendous amount you can do. There are watershed clean-up days. You can get involved with riparian planting (restoring trees and vegetation around rivers). In terms of your personal choices, watch what you flush down the drain and how you dispose of things like paint. It can help a great deal at the local level.

Do you have a favourite river?

Oh my goodness. Maybe the Cowichan in British Columbia or the Rio Grande in the U.S. southwest. I love the landscapes around both of them. They both present a lot of opportunities and challenges.

SALMON RUN

You have a chapter about how clouds talk to fish. What?

Weather literally transmits data to fish species (living in rivers). When it rains, river levels go up. That affects ecological systems. One example is salmon runs on the west coast. If the fall rains come too late or they're too weak, the river levels will not rise enough for salmon to make a successful spawning run. Conversely, if it's too stormy in the winter, it can excavate the fish eggs out of the creek bed.



Canada has a wealth of rivers, B.C.'s magnificent Fraser River being one of them, but Sean Fleming argues Canadians don't know enough about this type of body of water. ISTOCK



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'What would it be like to be you?'



Little Sister is author Barbara Gowdy's first novel in a decade. She wrote it while suffering from debilitating back pain, lying down in bed using a reclining chair for her laptop. CONTRIBUTED

PERSPECTIVE

Little Sister transports a woman into another body

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Last fall, after Barbara Gowdy discovered a lump in her breast, her younger sister Mary offered to drive her to Toronto's Prince Margaret Hospital for a series of tests. As Gowdy was filling out forms, Mary suddenly fell to the floor in a seizure, caused by a massive brain haemorrhage. If Mary hadn't been in that hospital room at that exact moment, feet away from an oxygen tank and doctors to rush her into surgery, she would not have survived. Gowdy — now in remission after radiation and a lumpectomy — says it was her cancer that saved

her sister's life.

Later that fateful day, after undergoing a core biopsy and being reassured that her sister was doing well in another hospital, an exhausted Gowdy came home to a box sitting on her Cabbagetown front porch. The box was labelled "Little Sister," and for a shocking moment the author forgot that was the title of her much-anticipated new novel, her first publication in a decade.

It would be understandable if Gowdy wrote about the cruel limitations of the human body. On top of the breast cancer, she has suffered 14 years from a mysteriously debilitating chronic back pain that limits her mobility. Most of *Little Sister* was written lying down in bed using a reclining chair for her laptop, while undergoing a litany of unsuccessful drug therapies that did little more than make her foggy and depressed. But Gowdy's curiosity about our inner lives runs deeper than skin and bones. Since she can remember, she has asked the fundamental question: "What

would it be like to be you?"

Little Sister, which takes place over a week, follows Rose, a 30-something woman who lives a mundane existence running a repertory theatre with her mother, who suffers from progressive dementia. When a series of freak lightening storms hit the city, Rose's migraine-like symptoms inexplicably transport her inside the body of a stranger named Harriet, who is having an affair with a married co-worker. This erotic experience is a far cry from the dullness of Rose's own relationship with Victor, an older, serious-minded meteorologist. No wonder Rose becomes almost physically obsessed to re-enter Harriet, who may also have an otherworldly connection to her deceased younger sister.

Gowdy suggests that her ongoing existential preoccupation with how others see the world may be connected with some discomfort she has with her own self. "I'm always curious about how people cope. It seems very touching to me," she says.

"There's that saying, 'Walk a mile in my shoes,' but I was thinking, 'Walk a mile in my body, spend an hour in my mind.'"

In writing *Harriet*, who is described as "kinetic" and the opposite of staid Rose, Gowdy purposely held back on exposing the character's thoughts. She wanted the book's strange occurrences to remain as much a mystery to readers as they are to Rose, and to avoid a re-tread of the 1999

Spike Jonze movie *Being John Malkovich*. "I wanted her to inhabit the body more. It wasn't just 'what it would be like being you,' and ending there, it's 'what is it like to be you and then come back to me,'" she says.

Over her lauded career and eight books, Gowdy has been dubbed a risk-taker in Canadian literature, whether it's for exploring the inner worlds of elephants in the Giller Prize-nominated

White Bone or for her empathetic portrayal of a necrophiliac in the 1992 story collection *We So Seldom Look on Love*. But she doesn't necessarily buy that risk-taking label.

"Once I'm done with a certain voice or point or view, I'm really done," she says.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Middle is missing from market

CONDO TRENDS

Needed: More new low-rise residential developments

**Duncan
McAllister**
For Metro Canada



Recent dramatic changes in the GTA real estate market has caused a chain reaction of events stemming from the scarcity of land, affordability and demographics.

It's the search for the elusive "missing middle," according to Bob Finnigan, head of the Canadian Home Builders' Association and COO of the Herity Group.

"The question is where is everybody going to live? How do you get a job in Toronto and live here too?"

The affordability factor is forcing buyers to move further and further out from the

core. Finnigan says that cities like London and Belleville have witnessed a dramatic increase in real estate prices in the past 18 months.

"They're actually seeing their land prices start to appreciate because even Toronto developers are looking to build there," he says. "For the last four or five years, condo prices really haven't gone up that much. Now the demand has gone over to condos. It's missing the middle."

Finnigan says that for first-time buyers, a condo wouldn't be their house of choice if they had a choice.

"You see that among the millennials too. Someone wanting to live downtown, where they're in that family situation and looking for a bigger spot," Finnigan says.

"When I was a young man looking to buy a home, it was a matter of \$30,000 or \$40,000 to go from a starter home to a nicer home; now it's a matter of \$300,000 or \$400,000."

Conventional wisdom can't be applied to today's market —

it's the New Fundamentals, as Finnigan calls it.

"We delivered 20,000 condo units last year and were going to do the same again this year. But it's still not enough. We need 40,000 housing units a year in the Greater Golden Horseshoe region."

Finnigan attributes the problem to a great extent to Ontario's official growth plan.

"The legislation was put into place in 2006, and it basically says here's the land you can build on. It put a lid on new residential low-rise development," he says. "This missing middle, we have to address it somehow."

According to Finnigan, the answer lies in smart density and building new, mid-rise homes that people can actually live in.

"We have to completely re-think the housing form. We're going to have to look at our avenue planning and inclusive zoning. We need to build six, eight, 10 storeys up, say along Bloor Street West or along the Danforth," he says. "You don't have to go that far up."



Bob Finnigan, president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, surveys a condo construction site in downtown Toronto. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO



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Rent control will hamper construction

OPINION

Purpose-built rental market may slow with regulation

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada



After years of being dormant, the purpose-built rental market is starting to come to life again as more developers consider building rental housing but there are still many challenges in the way.

We need more rental housing in the GTA as one measure to help deal with our housing supply shortage and affordability problems.

While there is increased developer interest in building rental, it is not easy and like building condominiums, purpose-built rental development must be financially viable or they won't get built.

One of the biggest challenges and one that would have a major dampening impact on the construction of new rental housing is the possibility of expanded rent control legislation.

The government is currently considering changes to rent control rules and while extending rent control regulation to new construction may appear to be a good thing, it would in fact have a detrimental impact on the feasibility of building the much needed rental housing.

If the province imposes restrictions on what can be charged in rent, developers will have no incentive to build units. Instead of improving our housing problems, expanded rent control on new buildings would do the opposite — push housing prices higher as rental supply decreases.

There are also a number of other challenges that builders need to weigh before taking on a rental development. From an overall business perspective, it can be financially risky to build rental housing as opposed to



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building condominiums. With condo projects, a large portion of the units are sold before starting construction which reduces the investment risk for a builder. This isn't the case with rental developments — units can only be rented once the building is complete and ready to go to market, increasing the uncertainty of being able to rent all units in a timely manner.

On the front end of the planning policy process, developers also face the same challenges with rentals as they do with condo projects. There is reluctance to give height and density approvals, out-of-date zoning by-laws and excessive red tape increase approval timelines and delay construction, and ultimately these obstacles add costs to the projects.

Like condominium development, many rental projects are being met with NIMBYism or opposition from local residents who are concerned about high-rises popping up next to their homes not wanting their community to change. In order to make these projects work, developers need to build in established locations where potential tenants want to rent.

Purpose-built rentals could be one of the solutions we need to meet the housing demands of a growing region however developers can only build them if it makes good financial sense.

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LEGAL MATTERS

On getting cash quick

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada



Q: We have decided to move back overseas at the end of the month and have set our travel arrangements and approached our lawyer to see if she could request the purchasers close the transaction one day earlier. She made a couple of requests to the purchaser's

lawyer and finally heard back that the purchasers cannot move up the closing.

We are leaving the day of closing and wanted to ensure the closing funds were in our account in the morning. So, we requested that our lawyer deposit the funds into our account first thing in the morning. Our banker assured us that this happens quite frequently. Our lawyer clearly stated that she has very little

control over the time the funds would arrive in our account. What can we do about this?

A: A little bit of questioning of your law firm on your part before you made your travel plans would have been prudent. Typically, a seller's lawyer waits for the buyer's lawyer to get mortgage funds (which are very rarely issued until the morning of closing). Often times, the transaction doesn't end up happening until mid-afternoon by the time the bank has the mortgage money, the funds are deposited, the banking is done, certified funds are created, the

closing package is couriered to the vendor's lawyer, etc.

If you had asked about this process, any lawyer could have told you that real estate closings rarely happen before noon unless it is a cash deal. Obviously that is not the case in your circumstances. Rest assured your lawyer will deposit at their earliest possible convenience but that might not be until the end of day or even possibly the next morning if their bank is closed outside of the normal the 9 to 4 p.m. banking hours.

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Leafs let up on gas

ROUND 1 SHIFTS TO D.C.

Oshie, Wilson tally two each for Washington

If the playoffs is a series of adjustments and readjustments, then it's next move, Maple Leafs. The Washington Capitals changed their line pairings — the first team to do so in the series — and it paid off big time in a 5-4 win over Toronto that tied this Stanley Cup best-of-seven series at two games apiece.

Tom Wilson, promoted from the fourth line to the third, scored twice as a desperate Washington team reasserted itself and reclaimed home-ice advantage.

Wilson saved a goal at one end, and went on to score at the other as the Toronto native — he grew up in the Yonge-Eglinton area — came back to haunt his childhood team for the second time this series. He also scored the overtime winner in Game 1.

T.J. Oshie also had two — including the winner — while Alex Ovechkin also scored for Washington.

Tyler Bozak, Auston Matthews, James van Riemsdyk and Zach Hyman scored for the Maple Leafs, in a series that's now a best-of-three.

There isn't a Leaf or Leafs fan out there who wouldn't have accepted those terms when the puck dropped on the season back in October, but today it feels as if they might have squandered a chance to make a much bigger playoff splash.



Capitals centre Nicklas Backstrom and Leafs goalie Frederik Andersen watch T.J. Oshie's game-opening goal hit the back of the net on Wednesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAME 4 At ACC



They played like the young, inexperienced squad they are. They were a step behind, a bit lost and confused in their own zone for most of the game, digging a hole that goals from Matthews

and Bozak in the third period couldn't get the Leafs out of.

The Capitals drew from their reservoir of playoff experience in dominating Game 4. The Caps were at their defensive best killing a Leafs two-man advantage for the first 1:53 of the third period.

Game 5 is Friday at the Verizon Center in Washington.

Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock had made a comment about how his club should not, under any circumstances, duplicate the



T.J. Oshie Tom Wilson
GETTY IMAGES

effort of the Edmonton Oilers, demolished 7-0 by the San Jose Sharks on Tuesday night.

The Sharks, like the Capitals a veteran team, were desperate to even their series at two games apiece.

"One team relaxes and feels pretty good about themselves, talks to everybody and they all tell you how great they're doing, and the other team gets prepared," said Babcock.

Turns out his fears were founded. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OBITUARY

Officials say ex-Patriot hung himself in cell

Former NFL star Aaron Hernandez hanged himself in the prison cell where he was serving a life sentence for murder, officials said Wednesday, the same day his ex-teammates on the New England Patriots visited the White House to mark their Super Bowl victory.

His death came just days after the 27-year-old was acquitted in a second murder case.

Guards found Hernandez just after 3 a.m., Correction Department spokesman Christopher Fallon said. The one-time tight end was pronounced dead at hospital about an hour later.

Hernandez had been housed in a single cell in a general population unit at the maximum-security state prison in Shirley, Mass. He tried to jam the cell door to prevent guards



Aaron Hernandez
GETTY IMAGES

from opening it and hanged himself with a bedsheet tied to a window, Fallon said.

Fallon said officials had no reason to believe Hernandez might take his life, and if

they had had any such worries, he would have been transferred to a mental-health unit.

Later Wednesday, U.S. President Donald Trump welcomed the Patriots to the White House. Star quarterback Tom Brady did not join his teammates as the White House said it was notified the star QB was dealing with a "personal family matter."

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IN BRIEF

Liriano leads Jays past Sox

Francisco Liriano combined with three relievers on a six-hit shutout as the Toronto Blue Jays blanked the Boston Red Sox 3-0 on Wednesday night at Rogers Centre.

Liriano allowed four hits and a walk over 5-1/3 innings for his first win of the season and Kevin Pillar had three hits for the Blue Jays, who improved to 3-11. The teams will play the rubber match of the three-game series Thursday afternoon.

Rick Porcello absorbed the loss for the Red Sox (9-6).

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905's Stackhouse named D-League coach of the year

It's hard to imagine having a better first year on the job than Jerry Stackhouse did.

The 42-year-old former NBA all-star was named the D-League's coach of the year on Wednesday after guiding the Raptors 905 to one of the best seasons in league history.

Stackhouse led the 905 to the best record in the league, 39-11, and an all-time best road record of 21-4.

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IN BRIEF

Sex sounds disrupt match

An outdoor professional tennis match in Florida came to a brief halt amid sounds of loud sex.

Frances Tiafoe was about to serve to Mitchell Krueger during their Tuesday night match in the Sarasota Open when he paused and flashed a smile of disbelief over the sound of a woman moaning in pleasure. Broadcaster Mike Cation later said the sounds were coming from an apartment nearby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juventus gets by Barça and into semifinals

Juventus made sure there were no more miracles at Camp Nou on Wednesday, as the Italian visitors held Barcelona to a 0-0 draw and advanced to the Champions League semifinals.

The second-leg stalemate sealed a 3-0 win on aggregate and came six weeks after Barcelona's historic 6-1 thrashing of Paris Saint-Germain, when the home side became the first team to ever overturn a 4-0 loss in the competition.

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Picking apart illegal screens

RAPTORS GAME 3 PREVIEW

Casey calls for more physical play in light of lax officiating

It is a basic tenet that all NBA players and coaches and fans should realize, and it's a raw rookie point guard who espouses it with conviction.

"Every screen in the NBA is illegal," the Milwaukee Bucks' Malcolm Brogdon contends. "I learned that the hard way this season. Every one is illegal. No one is in the wrong."

The legality or illegality of screens has been a topic of conversation in the Bucks-Toronto Raptors playoff series that heads to Milwaukee for Game 3 on Thursday night.

The Raptors believe the Bucks set moving screens as part of their routine offensive sets, and coach Dwane Casey is demanding his players respond with their own physical play.

Casey and company were particularly miffed at Milwau-



Raptors guard Kyle Lowry goes down between Bucks Thon Maker and Malcolm Brogdon on Tuesday at Air Canada Centre. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

kee's Matthew Dellevadova because they thought he got away with setting a handful of illegal screens to free teammates for shots and drives in the series opener. The coach said he made his players aware of it and wants them to push the envelope themselves.

"They (the officials) feel like

they are legal but you look at them in slow time and, believe me, they are moving, they are grabbing, they are holding," Casey said. "But again, that's his MO and he set a precedent with it and they are not calling it. Now we have to make sure we set screens the same way and we show the officials

Every screen in the NBA is illegal.

Malcolm Brogdon

those videos."

But the inherent trouble with asking teams to be more physical in setting screens before a game, and thinking about stretching the interpretation of the rules is that no two games are officiated exactly the same.

There is enough wiggle room in the interpretation of the rules — how long a screen-setter has to be immobile, how long he has to "hold" the screen after contact, the angle at which the offensive player takes to the screen — that the variance between referees is significant.

A quick whistle can land a player in early foul trouble, a more relaxed interpretation of moving screens gives teams a chance to be more aggressive all over the floor.

It's not knowing at the start of the game that's confusing to all.

"Everybody has their own thinking about screens, about physicality," Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd said. "There's always different referees, they see things differently, their interpretation is different, so for us, we've just got to stay focused on playing basketball and everything else will take care of itself." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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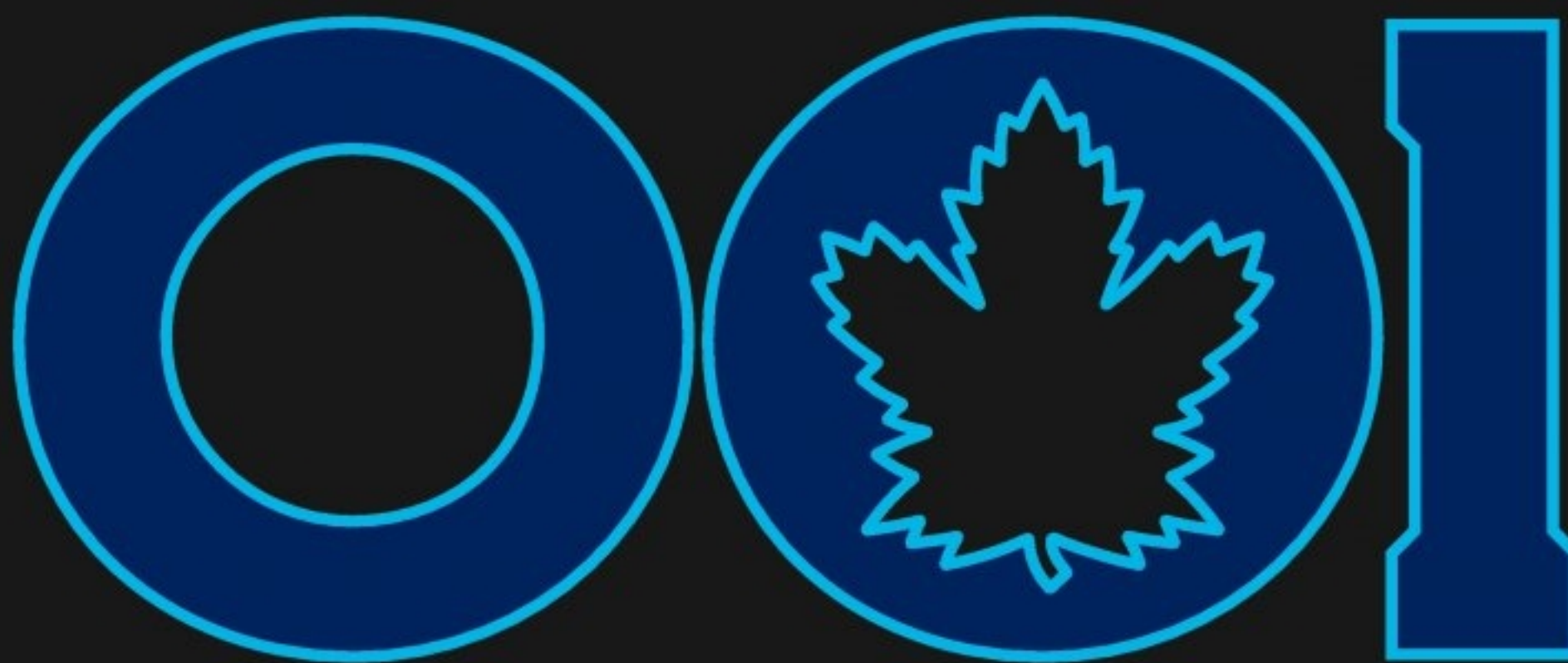
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IN WASHINGTON

Wiz take 2-0 series lead

Bradley Beal took over in the fourth quarter with 16 of his 31 points, including a late three-pointer, helping the Washington Wizards beat the Atlanta Hawks 109-101 on Wednesday.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Avocado adds a satisfying creaminess to this diner classic. Sorry bacon, no hard feelings, okay?

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Prep Time: 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients

- 4 basil leaves, torn
- 1/2 avocado, pitted and mashed
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tomato
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 a head of Boston bibb lettuce
- 4 pieces of multigrain bread, toasted
- sea salt

Directions

1. Cut tomato and lay out on a plate. Coat with olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt.

2. Meanwhile, mash avocado in a medium bowl and then add lemon juice and torn basil. Mix until smooth.

3. Toast bread and then smear about a tablespoon and a half of the avocado spread onto the bread. Finish by adding tomato slices and a few pieces of lettuce.

4. Cut in half or in quarters and serve with some cucumber slices.

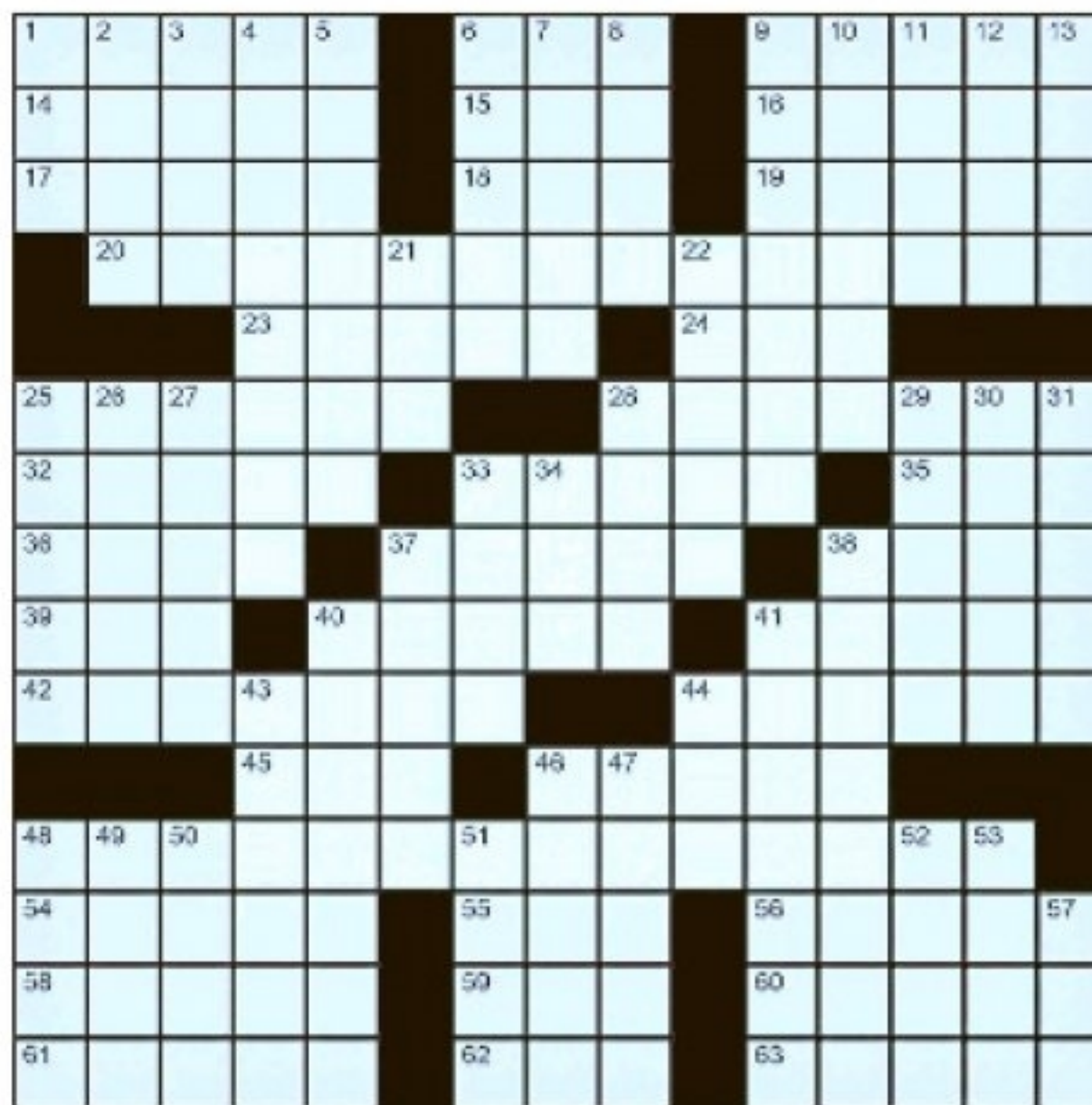
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18. Backyard bug
19. Bona fide
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23. Broadway star Ms. Menzel
24. Sundial number
25. Airport arrivals
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32. Moray catcher, maybe
33. Piece of parsley
35. "That hurts!"
36. Candid pic-takers for tabloids
37. Really request
38. Ms. Turner of "The Sea Chase" (1955)
39. Informally seat, as in a theatre
40. Television pioneer, John Logie _ (b.1888 - d.1946)
41. _ eclipse
42. Artsy style of blouse or skirt
44. Mr. Sutherland
45. Submachine gun variety
46. Poseur
48. The Tragically Hip's



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54. Feminine inner self, in Jungian psychology
55. Nero's 1101
56. Machu Picchu inhabitant
58. _ circle (Those in the know)

59. Ottawa, e.g.
60. 1960s rocker's jacket style
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63. Small caves

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1. Commerce degree, shortly

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5. Revising person
6. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give _" - Rhett Butler
7. Yemen's cap-

ital city
8. Literary collection, briefly
9. Dividing
10. Fitting-here flower
11. Cartoon television Bear
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13. Mr. Rogen of movies
21. ' _ _ for Kingston
22. Egg-shaped
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26. Charter
27. 1st Greek letter
28. Mr. Garrett of "Everybody Loves Raymond"
29. Spiral-horned antelope
30. Districts-related
31. Grant
33. Incision
34. _ capita
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38. Denizen of Ontario's "Forest City"
40. Marketplaces like Istanbul's famous one
41. Dining on Cream of Mushroom or Vegetable Noodle or Lentil
43. Added up the numbers
44. Before-E's spelled out letter
46. Type sizes
47. Straight-billed marsh bird
48. Put a stamp on, then send the letter
49. AD part
50. One of Christopher Columbus' ships of 1492
51. RCN ship designation
52. Parrot
53. Store
57. Greek alphabet letters

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a wonderful day for enjoying the company of friends, as well as the company of groups to which you belong. People are in a happy mood, and they are glad to see you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will be briefly high-viz today, but this attention will be favourable — so no worries. Enjoy your good press, because bosses, parents and VIPs will support you today.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You're excited about big travel plans. Similarly, some of you are just as excited about big plans for further training or education. Yes, you are going to expand your world!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is an excellent day to discuss shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances, because all parties will be fair and generous to each other. (And you likely will come out smelling like a rose.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an excellent day to deal with partners and close friends. It's also a good day for business and working with members of the general public.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Work-related travel is likely today. Co-workers are supportive; plus, meetings, classes and groups will be positive experiences for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of others — especially children — because you are in a warm, loving and playful mood. Expect to meet someone from another culture.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Matters related to home and family will be positive today. This also is a good day for a family business. A gathering at your home will be a success.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's easy for you to be upbeat and positive today, because you believe in yourself! This is important because for Sagittarians, optimism is a survival issue.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Business and commerce are favored today. Any financial arrangements you initiate will lead to future profits.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today the Moon is in your sign, dancing with Jupiter, which is why you feel joyful and content. People will be happy to meet you and listen to your positive views.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You are content today. You realize that appreciating what you have is the key to happiness. (Negativity is wanting things to be different from the way they are.)

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